



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 08565
2. **NAME** *Chauncy's Cairn* (1846)
3. **LOCATION** North of Cobb Road, Chidlow State Forest
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**

That portion of Reserve 6203 and being part of State Forest 13 as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No 8565 prepared by Cadgraphics WA.

(GPS reading for site: Lat. 31°45'.43". Long. 116°22'13". On the power line track it is near Survey Peg: WAN3, 31°53' and 116°22'.)
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Northam
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
(Management Order over Reserve 6203 to the Water Corporation)
(Responsible Agency for State Forest is Department of Conservation and Land Management)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	21/01/2005
	Permanent Entry	20/01/2006
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	22/04/1997
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Chauncy's Cairn, a stone cairn built around a timber post, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is the only remaining survey marker used by Chauncy for York Road, and is the oldest known surviving road survey marker in Western Australia;

the place is an excellent example of the method of surveying used by early West Australian surveyors and the style of cairn they erected, and remains in a dense bush setting that demonstrates the difficulties faced by these early surveyors;

the place, constructed in 1846, forms part of an early public works programme which was developed to improve colonial roads and is associated with Assistant Surveyor Philip Chauncy; and,

the place forms a prominent landmark on a flat granite outcrop on Ngangaguringguring Hill.